For James Iliff

on the occasion of his 90th birthday on January 4th 2013 and
46 years on from the start of my composition lessons with him and his seminars
which introduced the concepts of 'note-pieces' thus inspiring this new set of nine short piano pieces

Edward McGuire

NINE DECADES

for solo piano

commissioned by Mary Iliff

Full Score

NINE DECADES

1. Semitones

Edward McGuire

♩ = 96

ppp crescendo poco a poco

7

mp

10

mf *mf*

12

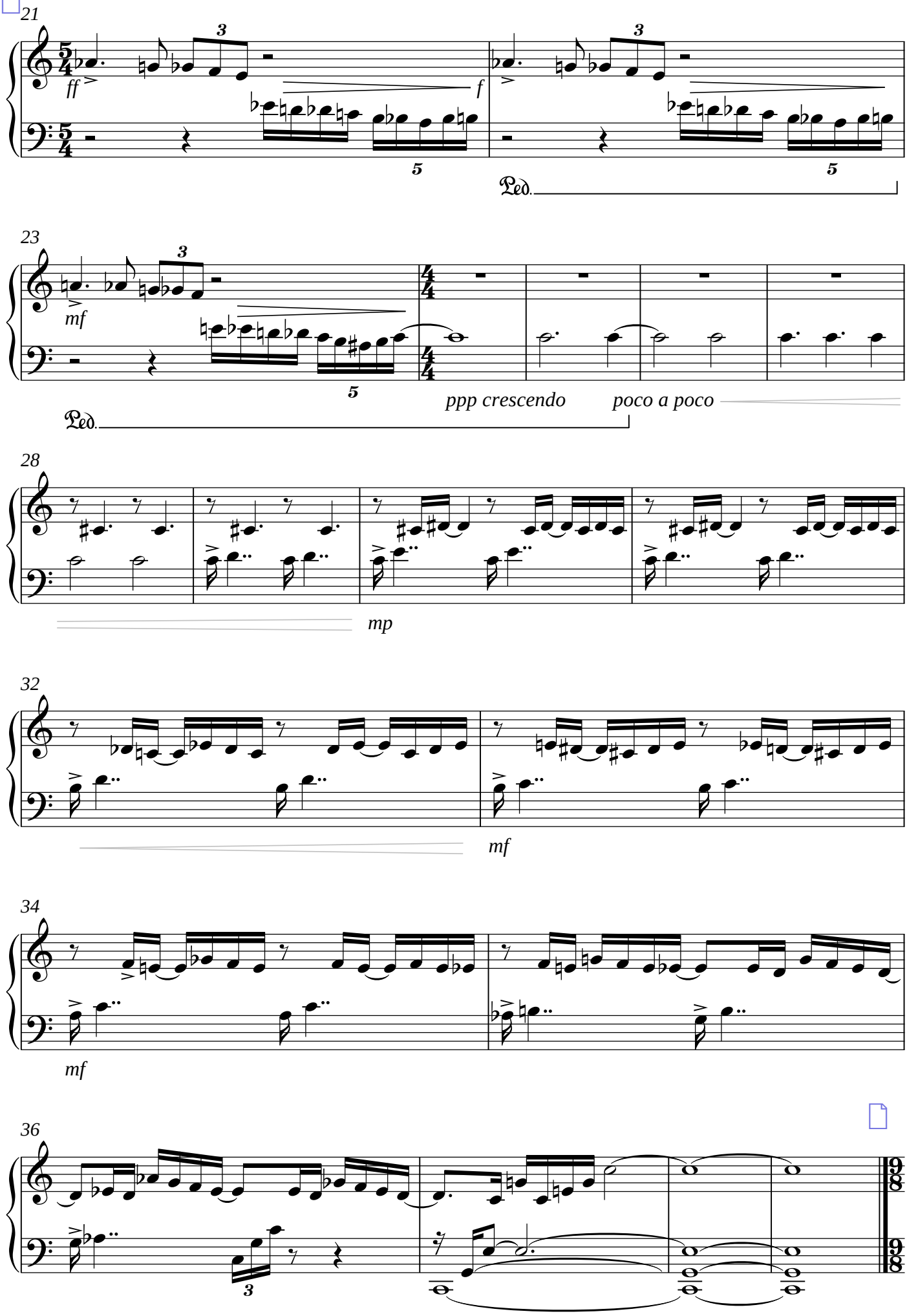
f *ppp* *pp*

16

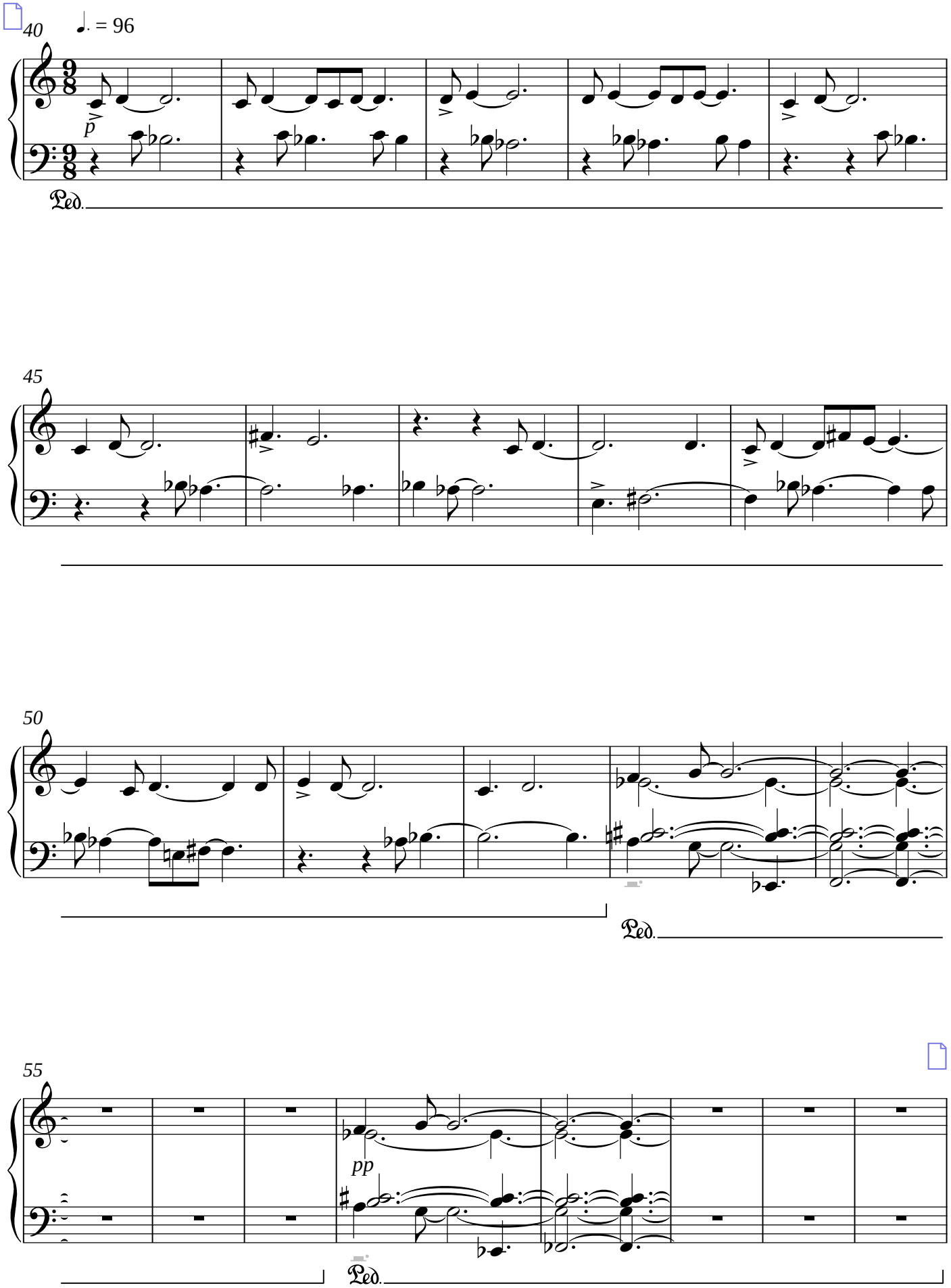
p *fpp*

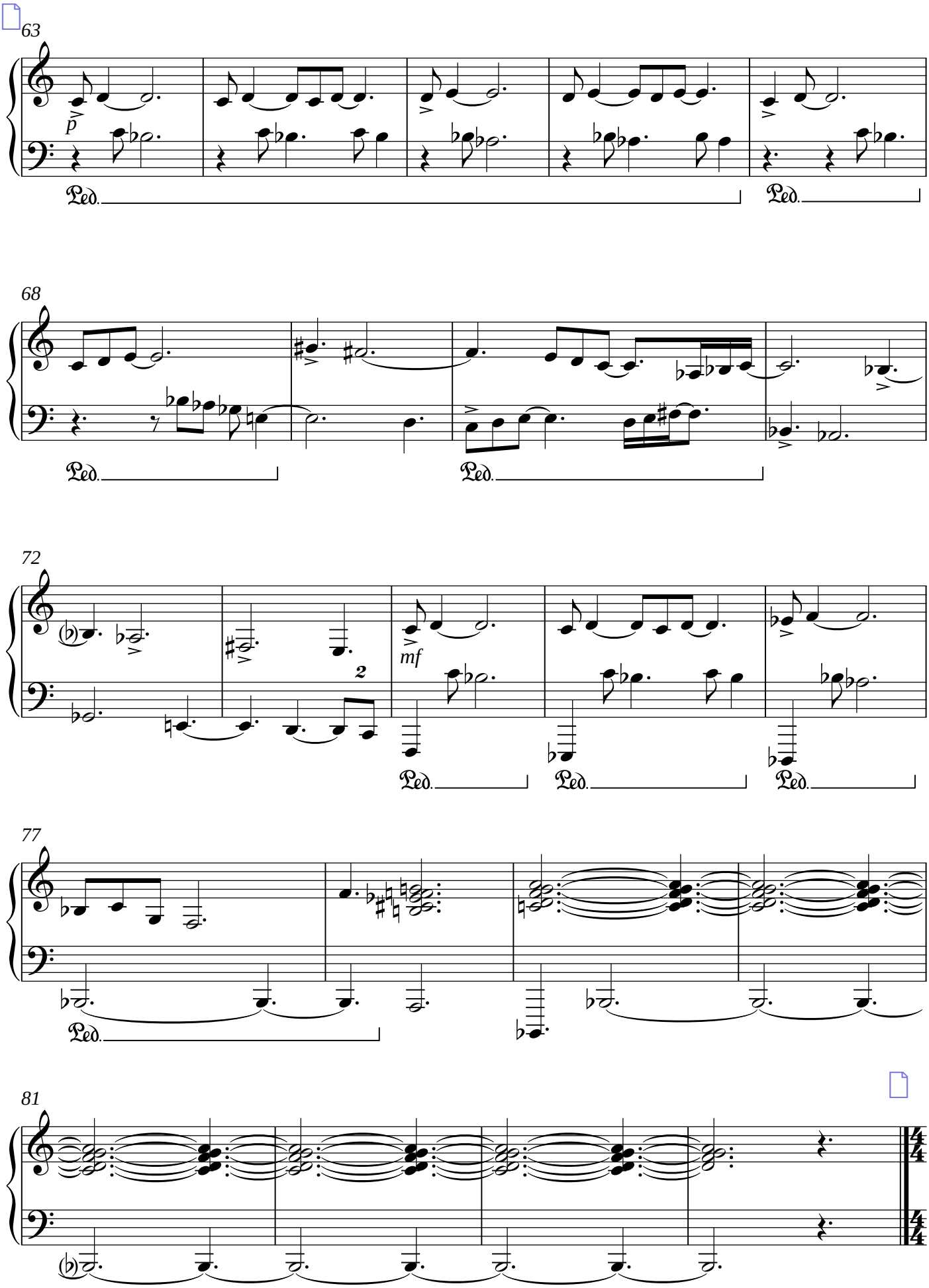
19

f

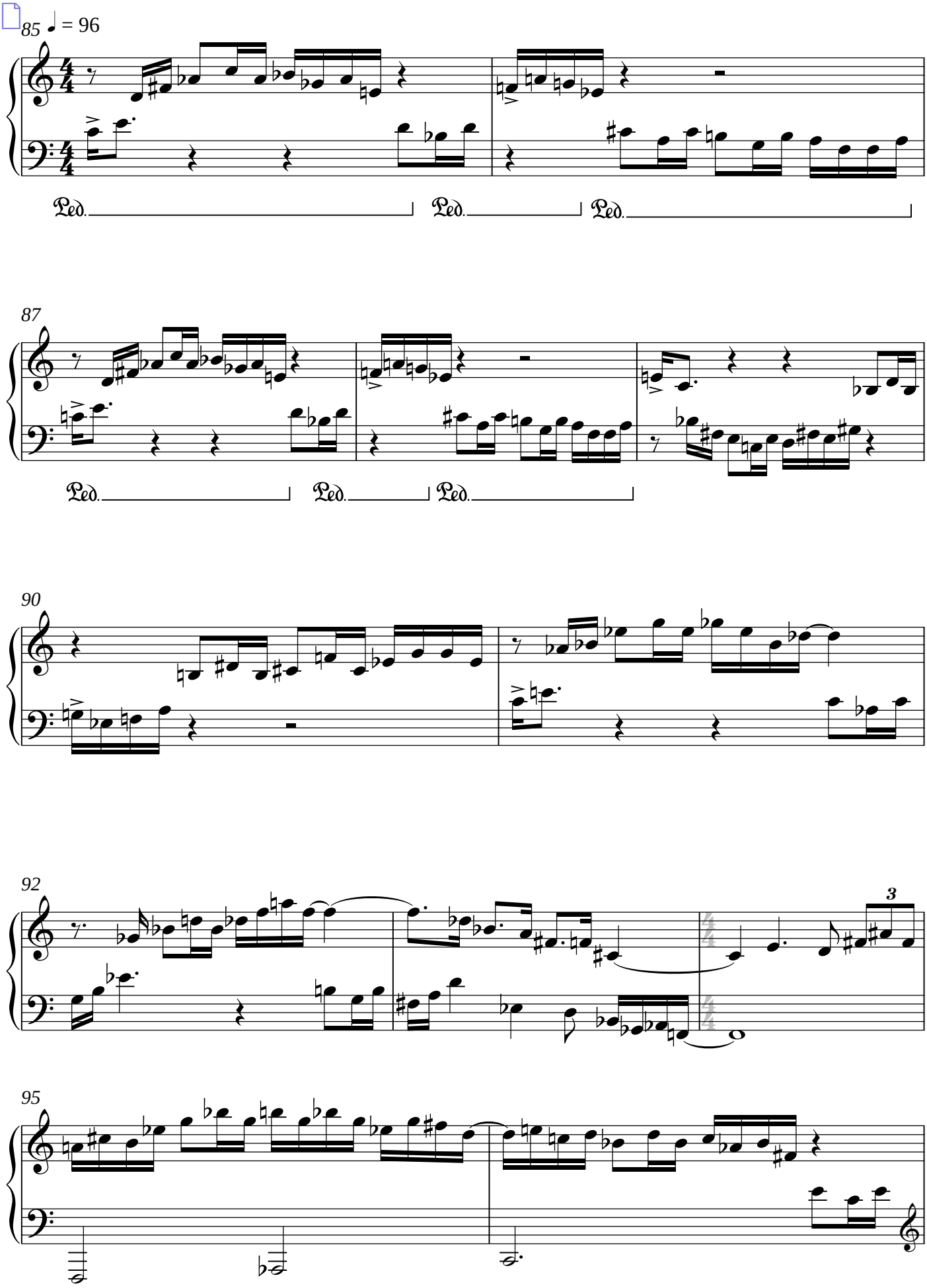

21
ff
f
Ped.
23
mf
ppp crescendo
poco a poco
Ped.
28
mp
32
mf
34
mf
36

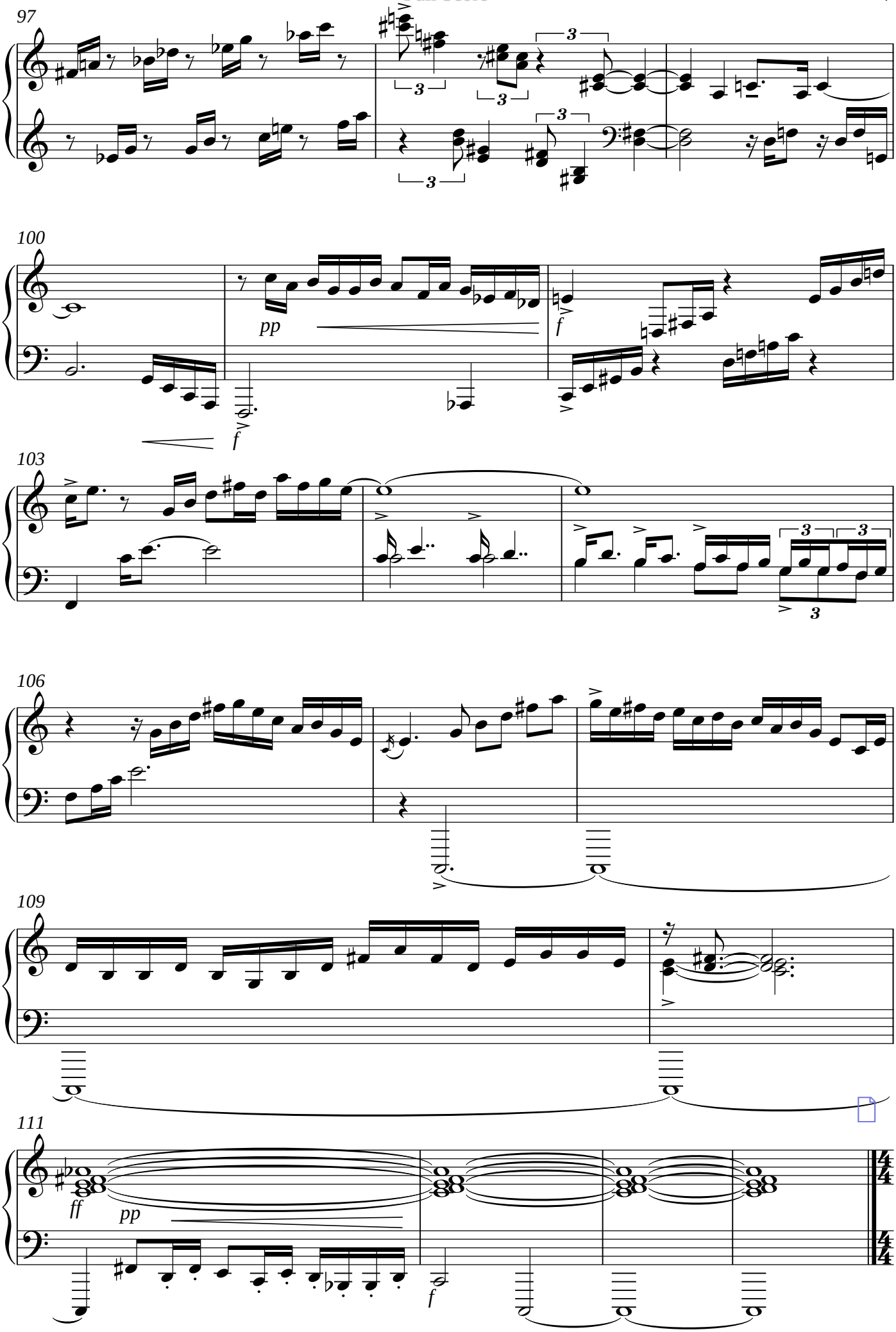
2. Seconds




63
p
Ped.
Ped.
68
Ped.
Ped.
72
mf
2
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
77
Ped.
81

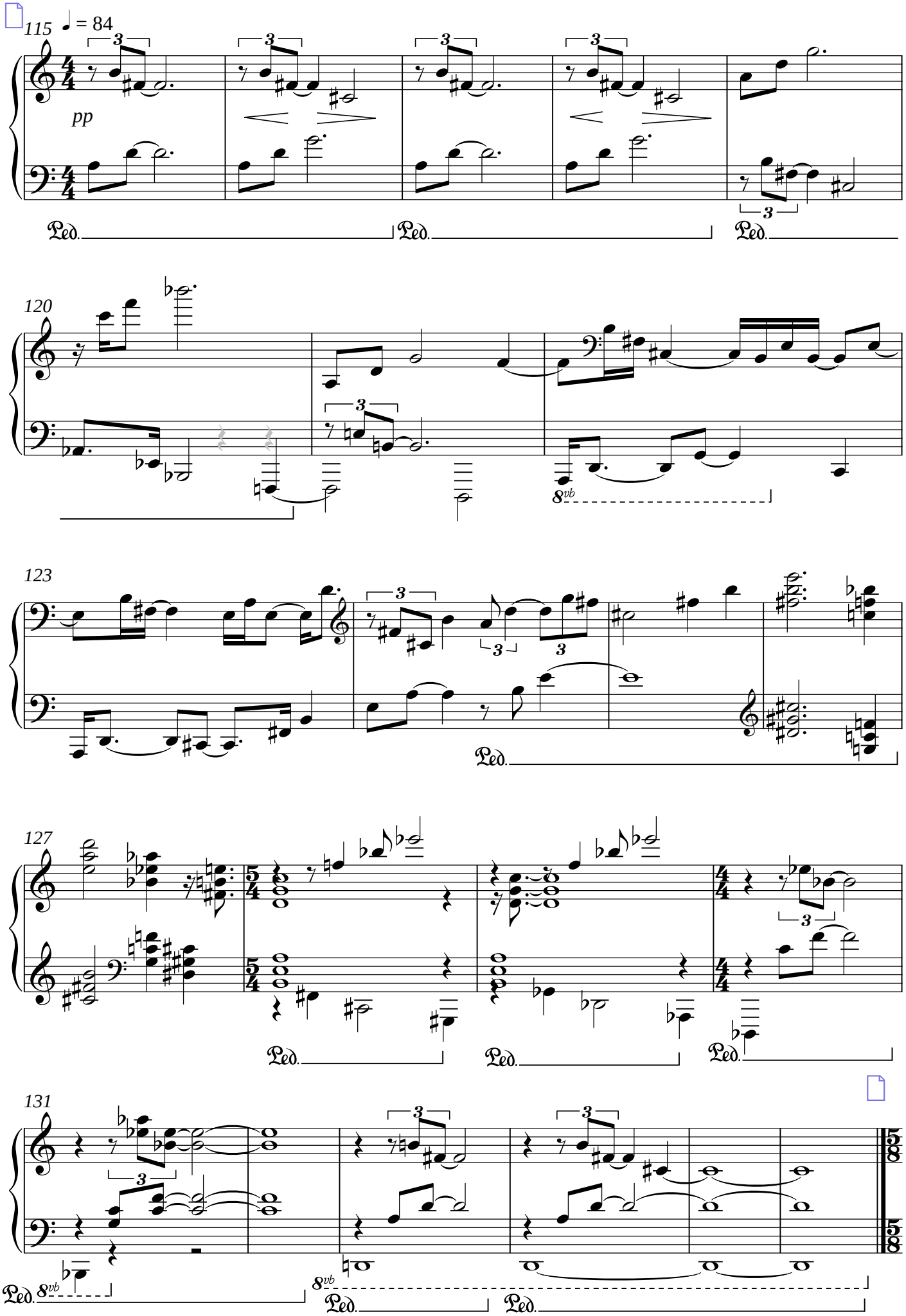
3. Thirds



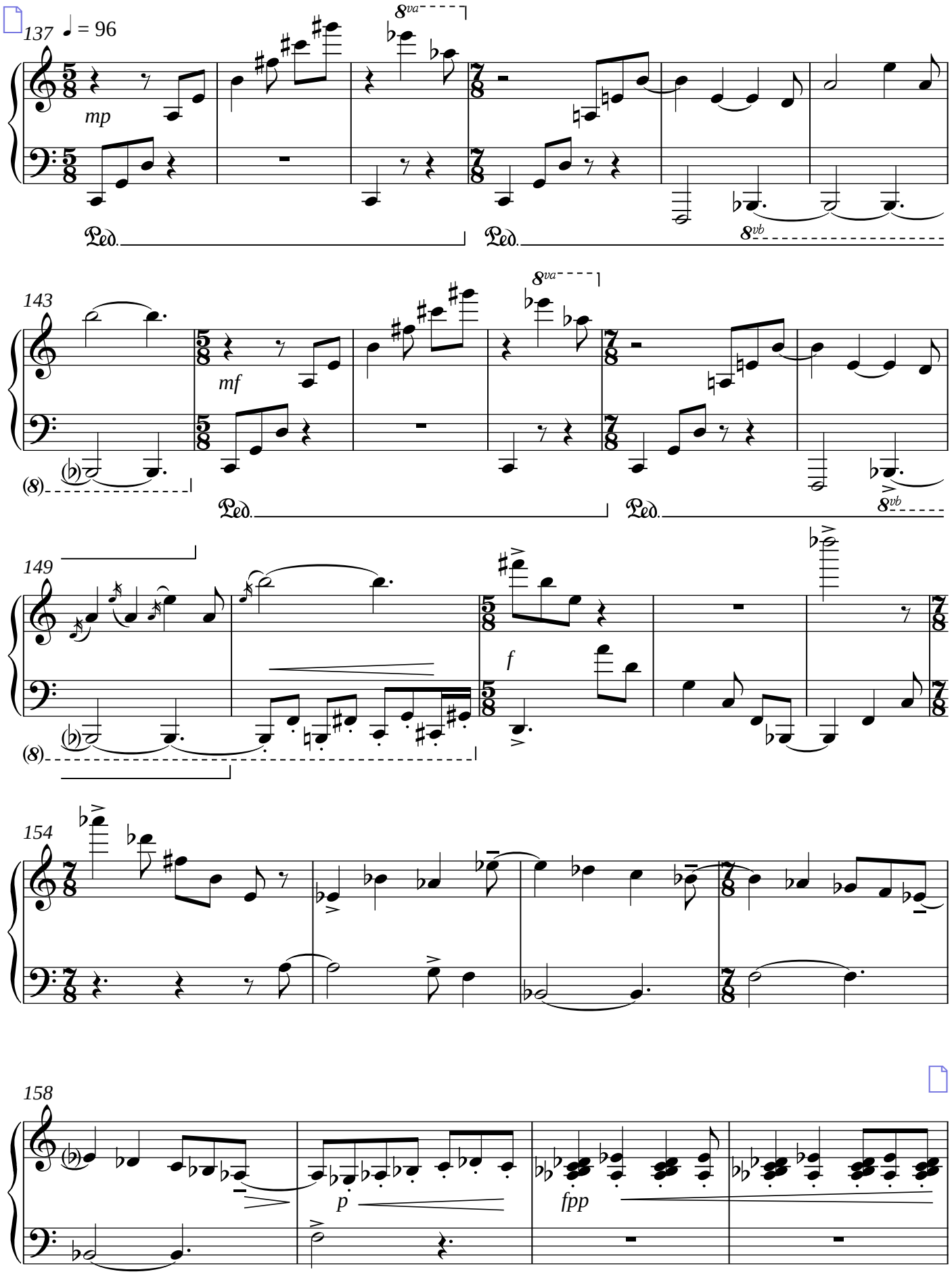

97
100
pp
f
f
103
106
109
111
ff
pp
f

4. Fourths

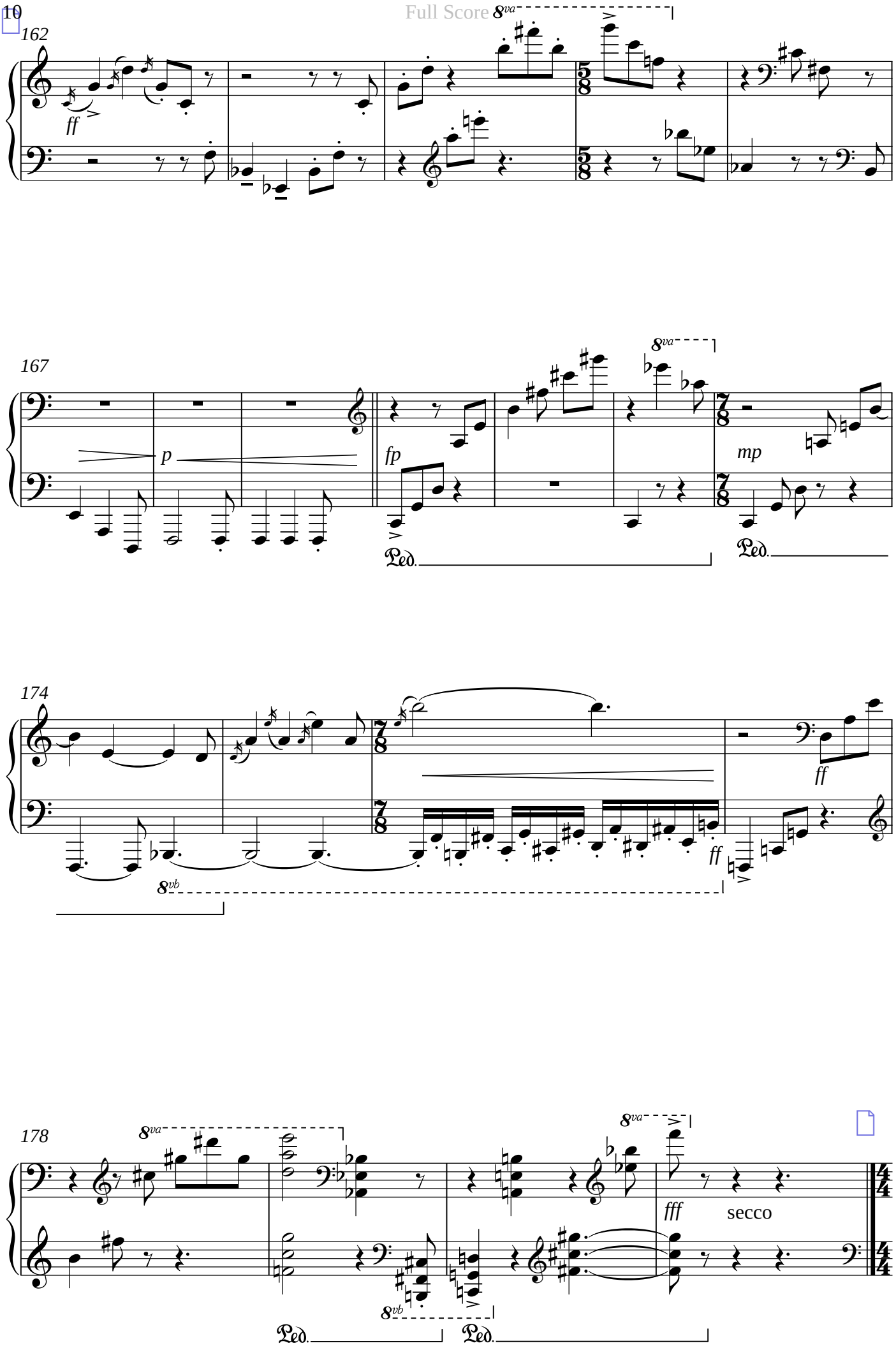
Full Score

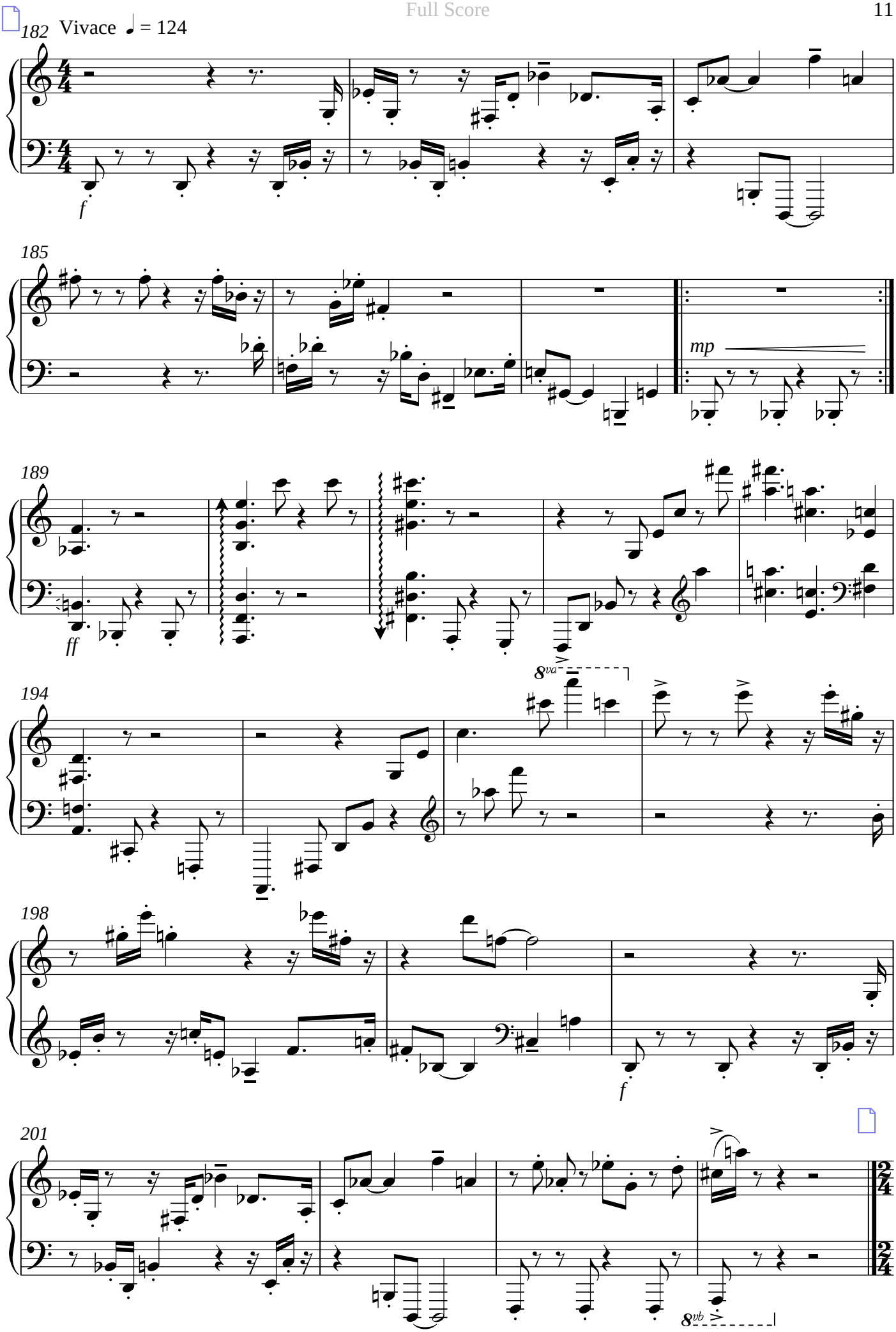


5. Fifths



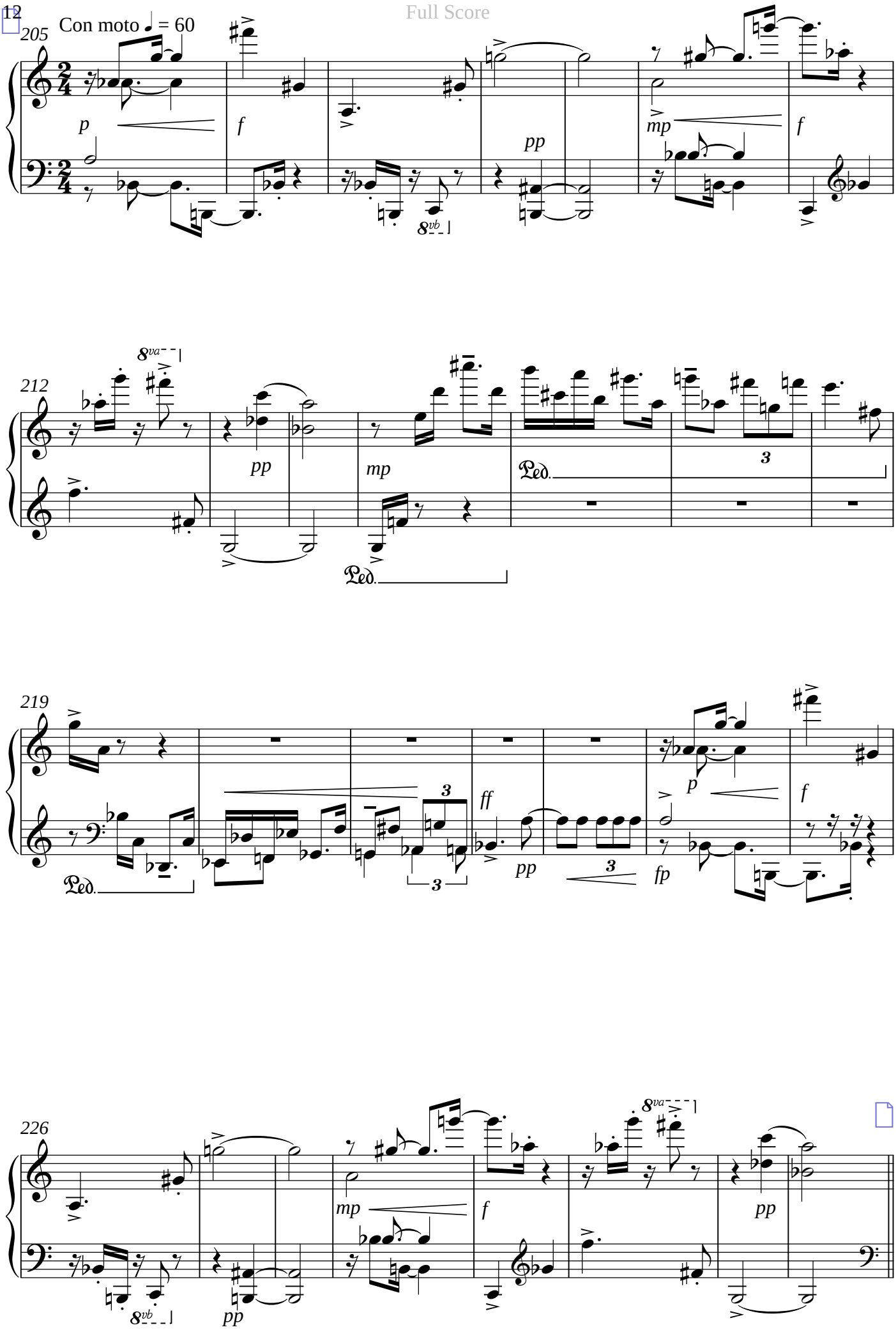
Full Score

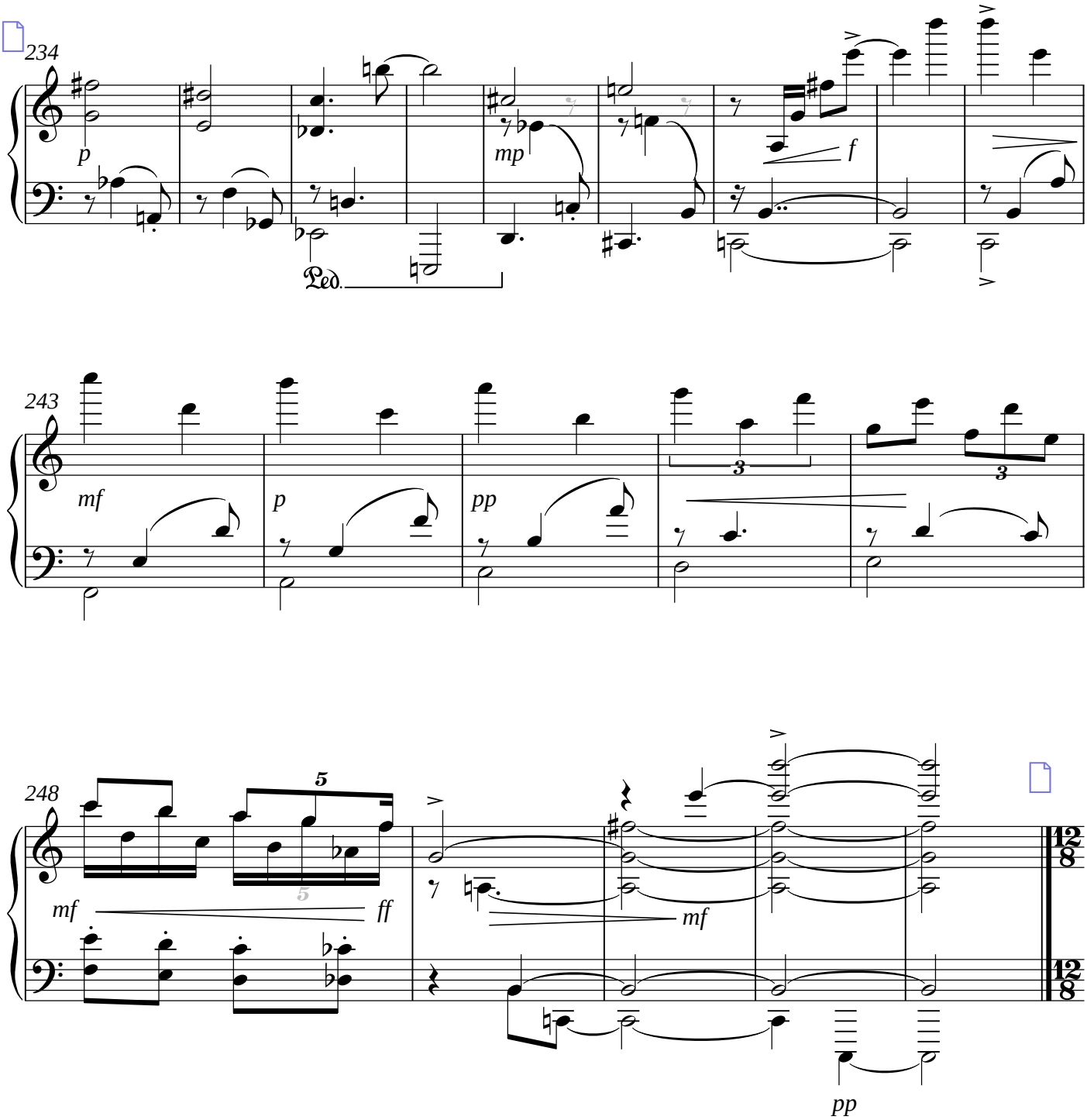



182
Vivace ♩ = 124
f
185
mp
189
ff
194
8va
198
f
201
8vb

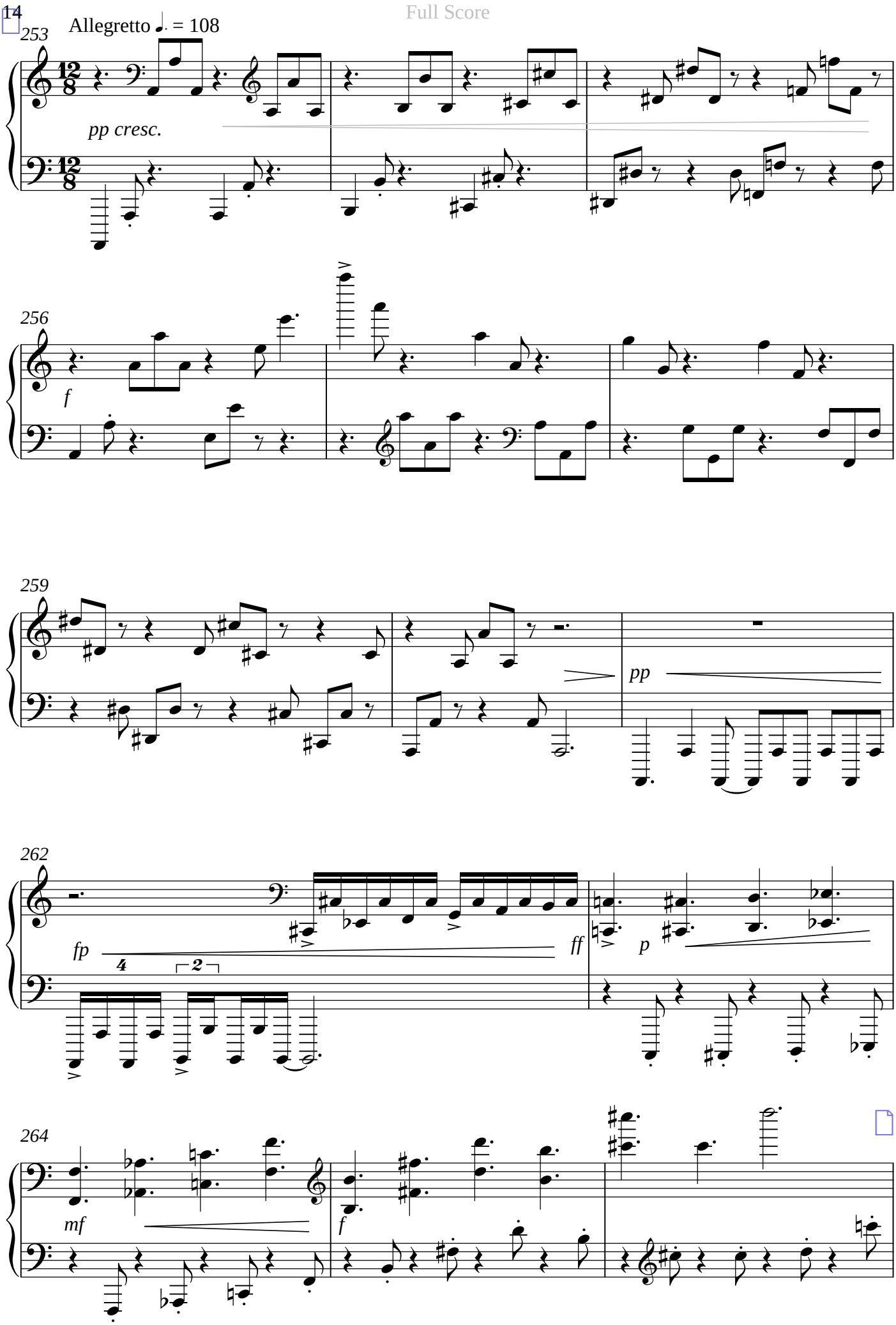
7. Sevenths

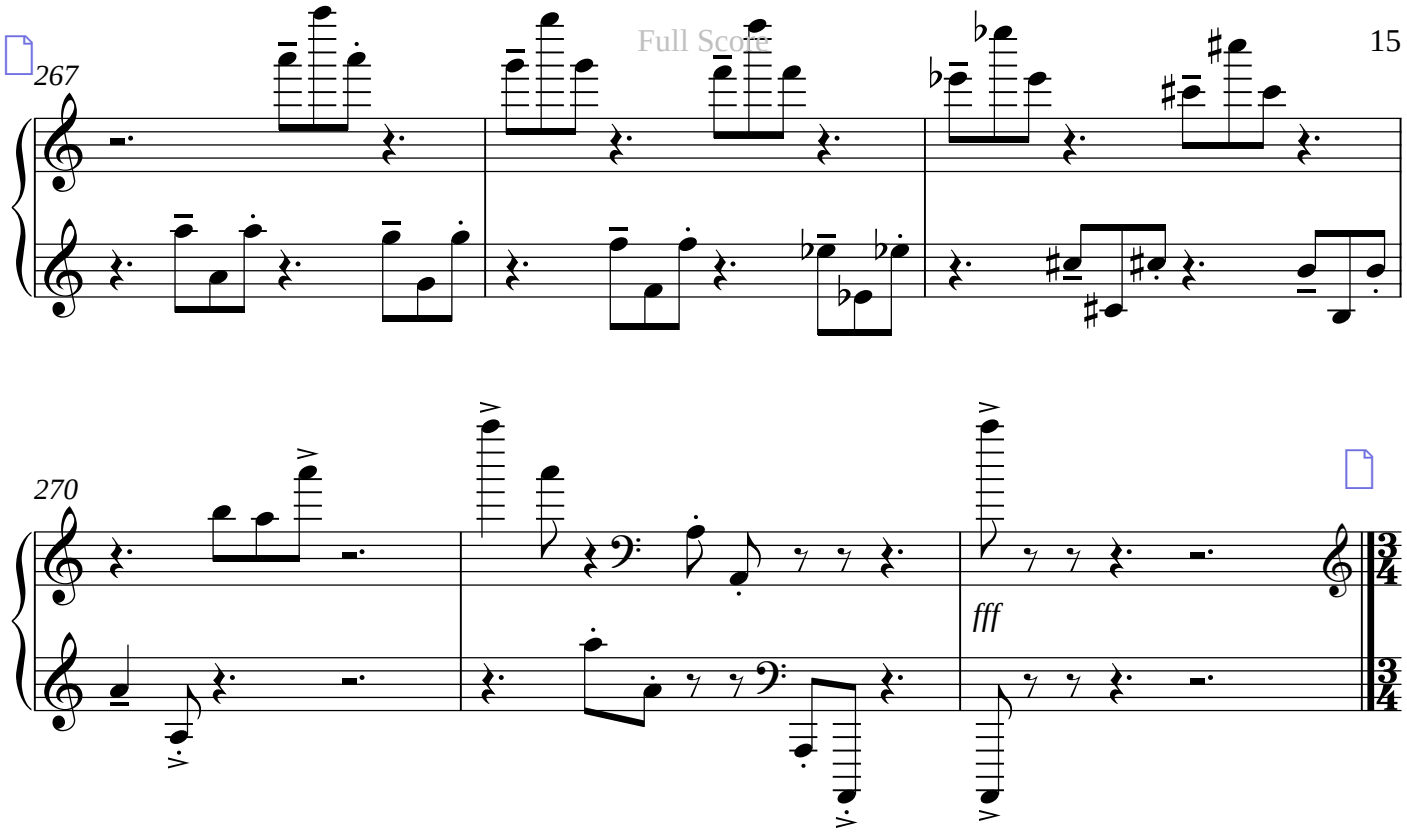
Full Score




234
p
mp
f
Ped.
243
mf
p
pp
3
3
248
5
5
mf
ff
mf
pp

8. Octaves




267
270
fff

9. Ninths

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Waltzing ♩ = 132

273

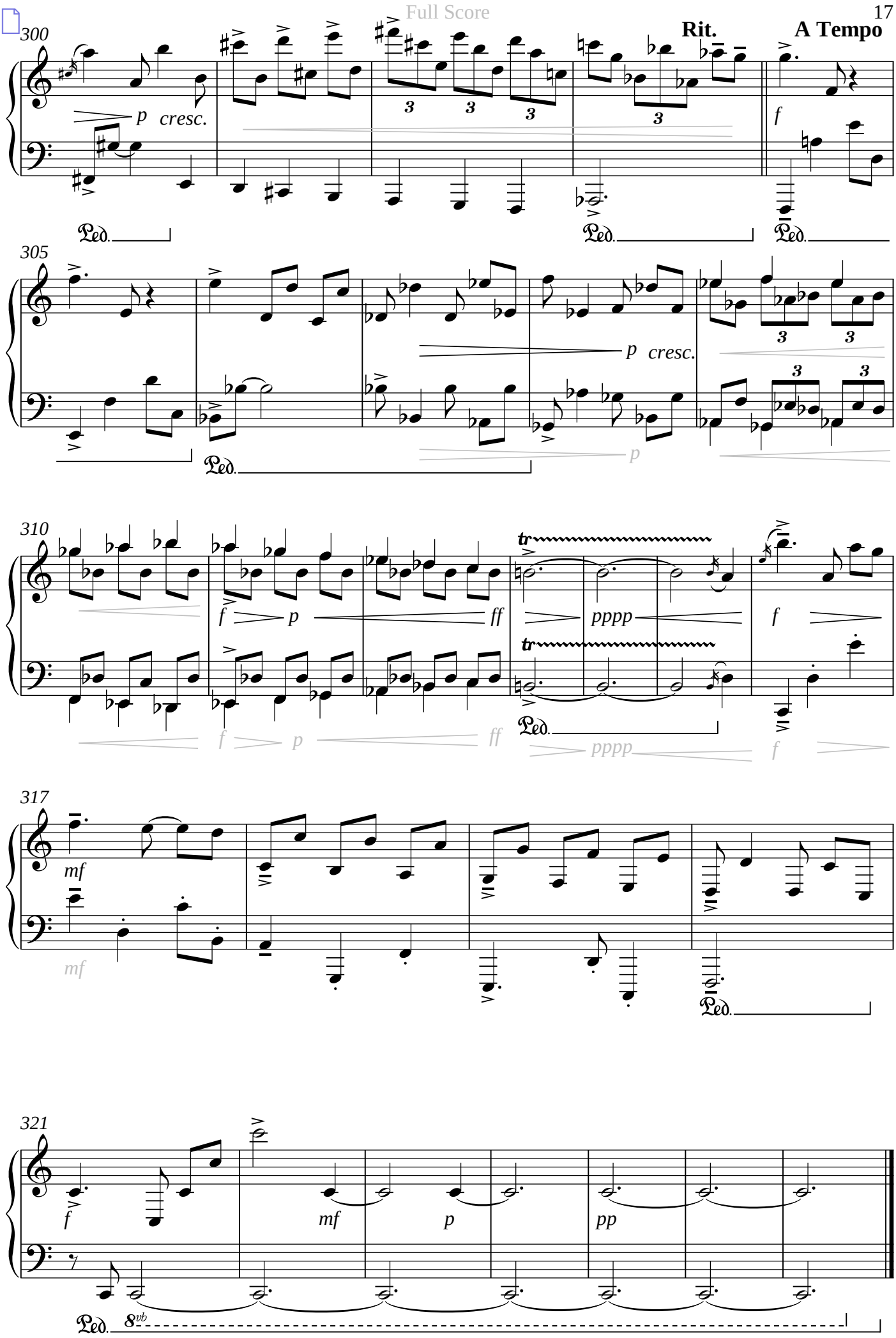
f

280

286

292

296


300
Rit.
A Tempo
p cresc.
f
305
p cresc.
p
310
f
p
ff
pppp
f
317
mf
321
f
mf
p
pp
8vb